

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: MEUNIER et al.	GAU:	3733
Appln. No.: 10/542,607	Examiner:	Yang, A.
Filed: March 17, 2006	Conf. No.:	7312
For:	<b>ASSEMBLY FOR TREATING DEGENERATION OF AN INTERVERTEBRAL DISC</b>	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Official Action dated May 7, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for an Extension of Time to Respond is submitted hereinbelow as well.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.